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Healing Totem stops in Ho-Chunk Country

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On Thursday, September 22, travelling over one thousand miles from Bellingham, Washington, Jewell James of the Lummi Indian Nation (and his entourage), made a pit stop in Black River Falls to share his Totem with the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Totem has traveled from Washington State with blessing ceremonies held in Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, and now here in Ho-Chunk Country, making its journey onward to Maryland.

On a cloudy, brisk morning at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds, the Hi-Wa-Sipi drum sang a Grand Entry song as Bill Goodbear (a member of the Andrew Blackhawk Post #129) and Paul Cloud (a member of the Sanford White Eagle Post #556) danced in the Eagle Staffs. Gordon Thunder spoke (in Hoocak) to the Earthmaker and the reason we were all in attendance that day. Introduced by Gordon, Gerald Cleveland Sr. gave

the invocation. Before he fanned off the Totem, Cleveland burned some cedar, and offered a Prayer and Blessings to our guests who drove the 1,888 miles to get to Black River Falls, WI.

Robert Mann Director of Heritage Preservation said, "This is a special occasion; I really appreciate the Lummi Nation for asking the Ho-Chunk Nation to be involved." The last time Jewell James came through Ho-Chunk country was in 2004. He then stopped and asked for Blessings at that time as well. James believes in the Ho-Chunk way of worship and teachings, and asked that the Totem be blessed as well. They were very gracious and appreciated the Hospitality shown to them on the last project, the 9/11 Totem.

On the original inhabitants of Washington's northernmost coast and southern British Columbia, Totem Poles are a way of life for the Lummi people and are used to depict a story or an event in the tribes' history. The Lummi are known as salmon people and have sustained for generations on Salmon fishing. The meanings and



(L-R) Executive Director of Heritage Preservation Robert Mann, Jewell Praying Wolf James (Lummi), Samanthi Hewakapuge (National Library of Medicine), President Jon Greendeer, Freddie Lane (Lummi) and Gordon Thunder.

carvings vary between tribes from the area, but the intent behind this sacred Totem is to give it prayer and strength as it makes its way across country to the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland.

Deputy Director of Communications and Public Liaison at the National Library of Medicine, Melanie Modlin, was also present at the Blessing Ceremony and gave thanks to the Ho-Chunk Nation and presented Gordon Thunder and President Jon Greendeer with Blankets.

The Redwood Cedar that was used for the carving of the Totem was over 400 years old. As carver James Jewell said, "The Medicine and healing power that has grown and that is in this totem is old, sacred and will provide safety and protection once it is placed and has a home and I thank the Ho-Chunk Nation for giving it...giving us, your Blessing and that the prayers be returned to all of your families and clans and your way of life."



Travelling over 1,800 miles from Bellingham, Washington, the Lummi Indian Nation stops in Ho-Chunk Country for a blessing ceremony as they make their way to Maryland.

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Mark Trahant: Real cuts to BIA's budget are taking shape in DC

Submitted by
Rep. Robert Twobears

So far, most of the government's austerity movement has been theoretical. We know the federal budget is shrinking, but the evidence of that has been slow to surface.

Proposals to wipe out the Bureau of Indian Affairs (and replace it with what?) remain little more than spin. Kentucky Sen. Paul Rand's bill, for example, has no co-sponsors, no hearing schedule and no chance.

But real budget cuts, the kind that will have deep and lasting impact in Native American communities across the country, are starting to take shape.

Last week the Office of Management and Budget sent a memorandum to agencies outlining an approach to the coming budget.

"In light of the tight limits on discretionary spending starting in 2012, your 2013 budget submission to OMB should provide options to support the President's commitment to cut waste and reorder priorities to achieve deficit reduction while investing in those areas critical to job creation and economic growth," writes Jacob J. Lew, OMB's director.

"Unless your agency has been given explicit direction otherwise by OMB, your overall agency request for 2013 should be at least 5 percent below your 2011 enacted discretionary appropriation. As discussed at the recent Cabinet meetings,

your 2013 budget submission should also identify additional discretionary funding reductions that would bring your request to a level that is at least 10 percent below your 2011 enacted discretionary appropriation," Lew continues.

Lew writes that two budget scenarios give the president enough information to "make the tough choices necessary to meet the hard spending targets."

Further, the agencies are told they have to make these reductions "without across-the-board reductions or reductions to mandatory spending in appropriations bills, reclassifications of existing discretionary spending to mandatory, or enactment of new user fees to offset existing spending."

These rules mean that for many programs the 5 or 10 percent reduction will be significantly more than that. Agency leaders are going to have to make tough choices about which programs to cut in half, or, quite possibly, eliminate.

The OMB calls this a "double down" because it might mean more spending on a program that reflects an "opportunity to enhance economic growth."

At the Bureau of Indian Affairs this plan represents an overall cut between \$130 million and \$260 million. That is a big number. But it's even more striking, however, if you take out mandatory spending from such things as already negotiated land and

water settlements. These are bills that must be paid.

On top of that, add the spending from current priorities, such as the criminal justice initiative. This included funding for 81 FBI agents assigned to investigate crimes in Indian Country.

Other stealth cuts include rent increases and other fixed costs that are not included in the base budget; programs will just have to find the money.

So what does that mean? It's hard to tell because if you look at previous budgets because almost every program has been growing because of demand and population increases. But this time around there is going to have to be a hard look at everything. Some programs in order to get to that five or ten percent overall reduction might have to be eliminated.

What's the most important treaty obligation carried out by the Bureau of Indian Affairs? What can tribes do (without the funding from

the federal government?) Moreover, there is no way to get this kind of reduction without reducing the number of people who work at the BIA.

But look beyond the BIA and consider the whole pie. Imagine when any other federal agency looks for ways to trim five or ten percent. Will every cabinet agency see its Indian Desk as a priority in this environment? Or will it "fold" Indian services into the regular budget?

The impact on federal agencies will be easy to see. There will be fewer people working for the government, either through layoffs or by attrition.

But the impact on tribes and tribal employees will also be significant. A ten percent reduction of BIA staff would mean about 900 jobs will disappear; there is no hard data but I suspect at least that many tribal employees would be at risk of losing their jobs. Probably far more.

Now the bad news. The



Robert Twobears

stark budgets that will come from the administration represent the best-case scenario. Congress, either through the appropriations process or through the work of the Super Committee, will present a much uglier proposal.

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CHILDRENS TRUST FUND TASK FORCE UPDATE



The Children's Trust Fund Task Force has been working diligently to prioritize problems that affect the trust fund, and in turn, work on solutions to solve those problems.

On July 19, 2011 Legislature adopted Resolution # 07-19-11 B granting the CTF task force to continue to meet and discuss these topics.

Throughout the past months, the CTF task force began to meet with the different departments throughout the Nation who are affected in some way by the CTF. Each department was given the opportunity to discuss their concerns or problems they may encounter regarding the CTF.

After meeting with the departments a list of topics was compiled. It was decided that this list would be brought forth to tribal membership to decide where the priorities stood. The list of topics were as follows: Incompetence code, disability code, education, enrollment (removals), distributions (staggered vs. lump sum), taxation, probate, early access to funds, early access abuses, social service impact, cultural aspect, AODA issues, high school diploma, scholarships, and lost children addresses.

The list of topics was compiled into a survey format and the tribal membership was asked to prioritize their top (5) concerns. This survey was available online, was brought to Area meetings, and was conducted at this year's General Council Meeting.

The CTF Task Force received a total of 313 completed surveys. The results from the survey and the top (5) priorities are as follows:

1. **High School Diploma** (Online, non-accredited programs, no established verification)
2. **Scholarship** (Trust assets eliminates funding from Fed/State grants for schooling, health programs, Medicaid, Medicare, SSI and Disability)
3. **Staggered vs. Lump Sum Distributions** (Long-term life benefits realized by receipt of funds promote better decision making, social services and health impacts, taxation issues, impact on scholarships)
4. **AODA** (Peer pressure/manipulation from young adults/families, accelerated AODA issues, contributes to trauma/deaths, generational AODA and domestic violence issues)

Two topics tied for the fifth priority:

- 5a. **Cultural Aspect** (Provision for language/culture criteria for distribution, duress from family and friends, generational trauma, promote culture awareness)
- 5b. **Taxation** (No taxes or late payments paid on behalf of minors, large fines and penalties, best benefit evaluated for tax payments-yearly vs. distribution time, tax services, education and info needed for tribal membership for proper filing)

Letter to the Editor:

This letter is in response to a notice in the Hockak Worak, Volume XXV, Issue 17, page 11 which indicates a General Council Resolution to remove legislators for not possessing a four year college degree.

This type of resolution cannot be taken seriously. To do so is antithetical and hurts the Nation as a whole. College graduates are a minority of the Nation's population. We limit the pool of effective legislators by adding this unnecessary and discriminatory requirement.

My concern and likely the concern of most tribal members is whether a legislator performs his or her job competently, works on behalf of his or her district, and helps improve the Nation as a whole. A degree does not necessarily factor into these duties.

Requiring a college degree from a four year school essentially creates a situation where the people with college degrees have a voice over the people who do not have the same level of education. This is akin to the "educated elite"

ruling over "the masses" and is unacceptable.

Further, people who do not pursue higher education have valid reasons which do not take into account their own competency, intelligence or capabilities as legislators. Even though the Nation does help with education expenses, this help is not granted to every single person and it does not cover every possible expense. Thus, for some people, higher education is simply not a reality due to financial situations or otherwise.

A resolution to remove any legislators penalizes people for something that has nothing to do with the ability to legislate and work for the people in their respective districts. It penalizes the Nation as a whole by removing capable legislators. The option to remove legislators should always be available for legitimate reasons. But lack of a college degree is not one of them.

Respectfully,
Tricia Zunker, Esq.

Great day for Ho-Chunk Nation at the Dam Challenge Triathlon

By Kathleen Clemons, MS, CES, RCEP

After a chilly start to the morning, the weather wound up being perfect for those competing in the Dam Challenge Triathlon held on October 1st in La Farge, Wisconsin. The triathlon consisted of a 7 mile canoe or kayak, 14 mile bike ride and a 3 mile trail run. The course was challenging with a twisting river and hilly bike ride and run.

Athletes had several options for competing including the individual category where he/she completed all three legs. There was also a two person and four person relay team option. HCN had a team in the four person relay where two people canoed, one

biked and one ran. Finally, participants chose to compete in competitive class, citizen's class or solo division.

Ho-Chunk Nation had 10 athletes at the event; here are the results: In the individual citizen's category was Eli Youngthunder (2:53:19), Susan Weber (2:56:58), Joan Greendeer-Lee (3:19:20) and Toby Lee (3:21:58). In the solo division (the person kayaked) was Joe Buse with a time of 3:05:57. In the individual competitive class was Kathleen Clemons (2:59:19). The four person relay team (Team HCN OOP) consisted of Jordan Hintz, Jeriah Rave, Jon Greendeer and Katie Funmaker and they finished in a time of 2:52:43. Several athletes received

wooden plaques for placing in their respective categories and that included Team HCN OOP (2nd place), Susan Weber (2nd) and Kathleen Clemons (3rd). Special thanks to our volunteers: Ty Decorah (volunteer), Kelly Funmaker (photographer), Sheila Corbine (Race announcer). Great job to everyone who participated in this event. Thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation for being one of the major sponsors of the event. It is held the 1st Saturday in October so mark your calendars for 2012. Hope to see more people out there next year.



Jeff, Eli, Jon, Katie, Susan, Jordan, and Toby.



Joan and President Greendeer starting the 14 mile bike challenge.



Joan, Eli, & Rep. Susan Weber relaxing after the race.

Special Book Opening Reception for

The authors along with the Wisconsin Historical Society's Press and Museum would like to invite members of the Ho-Chunk Nation and friends to a special gathering celebrating the release of our new book: "People of the Big Voice: Photographs of Ho-Chunk Families by Charles Van Schaick, 1879-1942" at the Wisconsin Historical Society's Museum on the Madison Capital Square, 30 North Carroll Street.



Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM

This event will follow the Wisconsin Book Festival's event at the museum where the authors will be giving a talk and signing books as part of the Wisconsin Book Festival from 1 - 2 pm.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Oct. 21st which will be published on Oct. 28th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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Ho-Chunk Nation presented with 2 Safety Awards

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Executive Director of Administration

The Ho-Chunk Nation dazzled when featured in the spotlight on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 in Keshena, WI. The HCN was formally presented with 2 Wisconsin Department of Transportation Tribal Affairs Transportation Safety Awards at the 5th Annual Tribal Transportation Conference.

Previously, Nicole Thunder-Kiesow and the BIA Roads Division/Coleman Engineering were announced award winners on March 24, 2011 at the Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Safety Summit held in Hayward, WI. On September 20, they were formally presented with Awards from Kelly Jackson, WisDOT Statewide Tribal

Liaison, Aggo Akyea, WisDOT Director of Business Outreach and Compliance and Danielle Yancey, WisDOT Tribal Policy & Youth Engagement Strategist.

Nicole Thunder-Kiesow, Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Coordinator accepted an award for Education Safety. Thunder-Kiesow was recognized for her program in enhancing the overall education and safety awareness of a tribal community. Her programming includes Safety Expos, Click-It or Ticket Campaigns, Car seat Clinics/Checks, Health Fairs, Youth Events, Community Events, and Partnering with Greater Black River Area Safety Council with the Health Wellness and Safety Fairs.

Brett Blackdeer, Tribal Roads Division Transportation Planning Technician and Coleman Engineering were presented with an Engineering Award in recognition of their 3-sided culvert replacement project (Brockway Road Culvert Replacement Project) located in the town of Brockway which occurred due to flooding in the Black River Falls area.

Thunder-Kiesow and BIA Roads Division/Coleman Engineering were nominated by Anne Thundercloud, HCN Public Relations Officer, in March 2011. The awards ceremony was held at the Menominee Casino Resort and it included a performance by the Little Bear Hoop Dancers and Little Bear Drum and Singers.



Nicole Thunder-Kiesow with WisDOT Award.



(L-R) WisDOT Statewide Tribal Liaison-Kelly Jackson, HCN Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Program Coordinator-Nicole Thunder-Kiesow, WisDOT Director of Business Outreach and Compliance-Aggo Akyea, WisDOT Tribal Policy & Youth Engagement Strategist-Danielle Yancey.



(L-R) WisDOT Statewide Tribal Liaison-Kelly Jackson, Mark Gerard-Vice President Coleman Engineering, Tribal Roads Division Transportation Planning Technician-Brett Blackdeer, WisDOT Director of Business Outreach and Compliance-Aggo Akyea, WisDOT Tribal Policy & Youth Engagement Strategist-Danielle Yancey.

Executive Director of Business CAROLE LOUISE (EAGLE) LAUSTRUP

Confirmations submitted by Katie A. Funmaker
Public Relations Specialist
Ho-Chunk Name (Indian Name): Hootihu (climbing up)

Department Goals and Objectives: The four (4) goals for our existing operations are: Increase Revenue; Customer Focus; Strategic Plans; and Execution. During economic hard times, it is back to the basics in order to compete for limited discretionary income. A strong customer focus and the development of high level customer service require continual improvement. We will benchmark against past performance and against industry standards. We will not keep our goals within a box----we will reach out and stretch our imagination with no limitations. We will use progressive thinking to diversify! A leader does not succeed by themselves; a strong base of managers and team leaders is a key to success.

Reason you pursued a Higher Education: The best education has been learning hands-on, reading material that pertains to the business, attending pertinent seminars, net working with colleagues, and listening. The opportunities I have been given have come because I have been open to receiving them, treat people with dignity and respect, and have a good attitude. When I moved home in 1993, I was given my first opportunity to work for

the Nation in Human Resources at Ho-Chunk Casino in Wisconsin Dells. It was the beginning of my learning experience in Ho-Chunk Gaming and I loved it...meeting new people through the application process, guiding them into positions, and generally helping them to form their own careers with the Ho-Chunk Nation. I believe that Human Resources laid the groundwork for my learning experience with the Nation. My second year working for the HCN, I took the opportunity to apply for a position in the finance field since I had been working in accounting in California and had the background for the work. The leap from Assistant CFO to CFO happened because I was Ho-Chunk and when the CFO left, it was a natural step to put me up to that position whether I wanted it or not. So to be back in accounting when I'd had a taste for something new was not what I wanted. Fortunately for me, within two months of the CFO leaving, the General Manager also left. Elliott Garvin was the Executive Director of Business at that time and he came to visit me at the gaming facility. He then asked me to step into the General Manager position temporarily until someone could be found. Although I was flattered to be asked, I protested that I had never done anything like that and was afraid I'd let him down due to my lack of experience. His next words I

have carried with me over the seventeen (17) years I have served as a General Manager: "You may not have the experience but you have the right attitude and you care about people; I will support you as you learn the position." I continue to use those words when I speak to new employees during orientation: never underestimate the height that your attitude can take you!

Through a program developed with Madison Area Technical College and the Ho-Chunk Nation, I was able to attend the Supervisory Management program at Ho-Chunk Wisconsin Dells. It was a valuable experience that has helped me continue my pursuit of learning and becoming a better leader.

Past Accomplishments: When I was basically forced to change our back-of-the-house system from Bally to IGT, it was the thought of many that we would/should pay for the system to be installed. Since we lease all Class II gaming machines, I thought it would be more cost effective to lease the system from IGT. My thought was that if the system still belonged to them and upgrades were needed, they would have to install them at their expense. In the end, we determined that we would save \$1.8 Million dollars by leasing the system.

How are you going to help Ho-Chunk members grow & develop their job skills? Throughout my leadership

within Ho-Chunk Gaming, I have given our tribal members opportunities for jobs, encouraged further education, and helped to mentor young people. In some cases, people have been given multiple opportunities because we do not hesitate to hire them back when they lose their jobs because of attendance, performance or behavioral issues. I believe that we must hold people accountable for their actions or inactions to prepare them for greater things. If there is no accountability people won't realize that it is they who decide their own future. Training opportunities are offered to our Ho-Chunk tribal members to prepare them for successful futures. While a company can attract a person to work for them by offering a decent wage and benefits, it is going to be a person's own resolve that will keep them at work doing a good job.

How will you help Legislators with district concerns? There are established processes in some cases and laws that have been established by the Legislature that are in place for proper order. If there are concerns that involve the Business Department, I will address the issues and communicate the findings and direction in a timely manner. I will follow the proper protocol through the Executive branch of our government. Timely and consistent communication is the greatest tool I can offer.

How do you feel you can



Carole Louise (Eagle) Laustrup

make the Ho-Chunk Nation stronger in this position? I will bring strong leadership with a caring heart to all parts of the Business division and will work steadfastly toward accomplishing the established Business Plan developed by my predecessor. I will carry on the vision of customer-centered businesses developed by our greatest assets, our ambassadors.

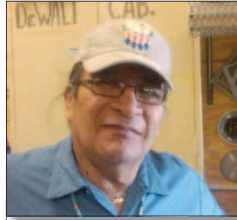
Supervisors and Managers who are respectful of and attentive to the requirements of workers, and are able to guide them by listening and offering direction, will in so doing, promote an atmosphere of respect. An environment in which workers can perform their work to their utmost, feel valued and develop a sense of personal competency and positive self-esteem. Making for a productive and profitable workplace. That is my goal for all of our enterprises.

I also want to explore other prospects for business in order for the Nation to become diversified. As stated in the Strategic Plan of the Business Department, in evaluating venues for economic diversification, the principle of Economic Profit will be

Ho-Chunk's know when to Hold'em

Submitted by Missy Tracy, HCG WI Dells Public Relations Senior Manager

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells (HCG WI Dells) entered the 44th annual Wo Zha Wa parade on Sunday, September 18, 2011 for about the 17th year in a row. During the past two years the float's creator has been a staff member from HCG WI Dells Maintenance department and Hocak tribal member, Jim Delarosa, otherwise known as JD.



Delarosa's master carpentry skills enable him to build things that seem so realistic.

Last year we went outta this world promoting Galaxie Bingo. This year we journeyed back in time to a Wild West saloon complete with a bartender/piano man, beautiful saloon girls and cowboys, native "Indian" guy, outlaws and lawmen playing Texas Hold'em. This labor of pride was a collaborative effort between Delarosa, the HCG WI Dells Marketing team and the HCG WI Dells Maintenance and Table Games crews. Other HCG WI Dells departments helping out and supporting this fun effort was the Security Director and

Wild Wild West Ho-Chunk Gaming Poker Room float designed by Jim "JD" Delarosa.



an Environmental Services staff member. "This was the best one ever," an especially pleased HCG WI Dells Senior Marketing Manager, Beth Anacker stated. "You all did a remarkable job."

The Marketing team brainstormed earlier in the summer and brought forth their idea about promoting one of the hottest table games, Texas Hold'em. Delarosa brought the vision to life with his creative talents by investing approximately 20 man hours into this project. "I'm still waiting for a project that is hard to work on," Delarosa boasted. This year's float was particularly detailed as the HCG WI Dells Poker Room saloon came with wooden swinging doors, a faux stocked bar with mirror, a piano with keys and foot pedals and a playing card table and stools. HCG WI Dells Maintenance crew member, Wayne Swanson, helped with building the final touches. Friday eve before the parade HCG WI Dells Marketing team members, Dannel Hovland, Evan Logan (Hocak tribal member) and Nora Young (Hocak tribal member) put the finishing creative touches on the float. On parade day, HCG WI Dells Marketing team member, Patti Herrera served as the costume director and



"Ho-Chunk Ho-Down" at the Wo Zha Wa Parade 2011 with, (Standing L-R) Levi Wilson, Dannel Hovland, Eric Logan, Rebecca Zittlow, Fletcher Collins, Nora Young, Neil Blabaum, and Evan Logan. (Sitting L-R) Patti Herrera, Linda Schlieckau, and Missy Tracy.

made sure all were suited up and ready to go.

Delarosa also owns Red Arrow Construction. Prior to working at Ho-Chunk he received training for the skills he possesses when he was employed in Milwaukee for 9 1/2 years. During seven of those years he was a foreman and ran seven crews. Delarosa said for now he enjoys creating the parade floats. But, he thinks about continuing what has become a tradition, the Wo Zha Wa parade. "My hope for the future is that one day one of the talented guys will be able to pick up where I leave off,"

Delarosa said. "I have folks who have the talent, the desire to learn and will be doing this one day for Ho-Chunk also."

"I am sure that JD will be up for the task once again for next year's parade," HCG WI Dells Senior Public Relations Manager, Missy Tracy commented. "He has astounded us each year and has never let us down. HCG WI Dells is very fortunate to have such a talented and enthusiastic ambassador on staff to build Marketing's visions. We will all wait in anticipation to see what they come up with and where they will take us next year."

NFC North 1st quarter update

Submitted by Jim Lincoln

Bear fans are still saying "where was the hold?", they still want to dispute the Packer's windy city victory of the week three game in which the Sweetest Play of the season, so far, occurred. The Packers, leading by 10 punted to Da-Bears with about a minute remaining in the game. Devin Hester lined up on Da-Bears' left and Green Bay punted away from him to the right. Hester, by prearrangement acted as if the punt was coming to him, looking skyward and stepping forward. This drew Green Bay defenders toward Hester; actually Johnny Knox was positioned on the right sideline to field the punt where he caught it and he ran it back 89 yards for a touchdown. The play design was very clever, but flags flew the same moment Knox caught the ball and the score was nullified for holding against Chicago. The play was so good all the camera men in Bears stadium were fooled right along with the Pack and no one actually filmed the hold. The play was innovative, it worked, but too bad Da-Bear's tried to cheat and got caught, because the TD didn't count, life in the NFC North. But are too many cooks spoiling the broth in Chicago? Lovie Smith has three former NFL

head coaches as assistants (Mike Martz, Rod Marinelli and Mike Tice), plus a former college head coach (Bob Babich). The 2-2 Bears seemed discombobulated at critical moments in all of their games. Former head coaches tend to project their egos and don't want to be taking orders from anyone, let alone being questioned by players or by each other. There are so many egos on the Chicago sideline they clash, but when they run Forte, they win, this is something the next team I want to talk about needs to do.

Since leaving the Philadelphia Eagles, Viking quarter back, Donovan McNabb is 5-12 as a starter. He was originally released from the Eagles team for a reason. Last year, # 5 was benched by head Coach Mike Shanahan and later released from a long term contract with Washington for a reason. This year he is 0-4 as Minnesota's starting quarter back for a reason, and now Coach Frasier wants the 13 year veteran to work on his basic throwing mechanics! OMG, hello... this is a definite pattern of behavior football fans! My Pre-pre season prediction gave a free recipe for the Vike's to win and that was to let Peterson, just run baby. In three first half's No. 28 ran the ball more than

McNabb passed and they were leading by big margins, the pass vs. run ratio would reverse in the second half of those games and "poof" there went the games. In game four against KC, coach Frasier tried to mix it up by keeping the run/pass ratio close for three quarters but in the fourth quarter passes prevailed and, oh well you know... But there's always next year, right?

The Lion's are roaring, 4-0! Wow my crystal football didn't show me this, good teams find a way to win and Detroit is doing just that, some close ones but the NFL isn't horse shoes or hand grenades, all that matters is the final score in this league. The defense defends when it needs to and Matthew Stafford is staying healthy and showing us what good decisions can do for a team. To all our surprise, the "Pride of Detroit" is keeping pace with...

Defending-champion Green Bay Packers who have 10 straight victories stretching back to last year, need I say more? And it appears November is the last chance we have to see two undefeated teams face each other. If two undefeated teams remain in Football gods plan, Thanksgiving will be one heck of a holiday!

Go Pack Go!



Community Corner

Dear Ho-Chunk Parents

The Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services Division, in an effort to provide Ho-Chunk Communities with current updates regarding parenting issues, will be providing a monthly column in the "Hocak Worak." Please contact CFS with any questions or to obtain referral information regarding the monthly Community Corner articles. 715-284-2622 Ext. 5136.

PARENTING SUPPORT GROUPS OPEN TO COMMUNITY

The Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Department, Child and Family Services Division is providing weekly Parent Support Groups open to the Ho-Chunk Community at two locations beginning Thursday, October 13, 2011, and on every Thursday thereafter.

The Parent Support Groups will be held at the new HCN Social Services building located at 808 Red Iron Road and, at the House of Wellness in Baraboo on the second floor. Groups will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 pm weekly and a door prize drawing for something useful and fun for parents will be provided each Thursday.

Please come and participate in sharing collective wisdom about the Five Protective Parenting Factors that all parents need. Any other topic of support is also welcome. Topics include:

- Nurturing and Attachment
- Knowledge of Child Development & Guidance
- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Concrete Supports for Parents

Parent Support Groups are free to the Ho-Chunk Community and flyers will be distributed at Youth Services, Head Start, Branch Office and TAU facilities as well as at the Ho-Chunk Clinics. Please come and join us for an enjoyable and informative hour each Thursday.

The Clan Mothers

Submitted by Myrtle Long, Clan Mother

The rising number of female delinquents and at-risk youth indicated the need for guidance, direction and consultation from our Ho-Chunk mothers and grandmothers. This concept is not new; it is reviving an age-old tradition of our elders teaching the young.

In January of 2011, the Clan Mothers: Elizabeth Deere - Warrior Clan, Geri Swan - Bear Clan and Elena Greendeer - Deer Clan, began meeting with troubled young women. The elders counsel the girls and their parent(s)/guardians twice a month. The parent(s)/guardians are required to accompany the young lady and to follow-up in the home.

Beginning in July of 2011, the Ho-Chunk Nation Clan Mothers and their services have expanded to help more of our Ho-Chunk women. As

of September 2011, we are honored to have four more elders as Clan Mothers of the Ho-Chunk Nation. They are: Ida Blackdeer Carrier - Deer/Bear Clan, Bernice Lewis Blackdeer - Bear Clan, Ruth White Eagle - Upper Clan, and Annette Powless - Bear Clan.

Oral teachings of our elders have surpassed in some cases and previous types of counseling the young women received, such as AODA, mental health, family therapy, etc, have proven that our cultural teachings can prevent and intervene with problems.

The Clan Mothers are positive role models who meet with female Ho-Chunk clients based on need, help distinguish Clan identity and female roles and responsibilities. Clan Mothers also provide Ho-Chunk kinship knowledge and create a bond with the client, provide a sense of family support,



(Seated L-R) Bernice Blackdeer, Annette Powless, Geri Swan, Elizabeth Deere, Faith Matter, Ruth Decorah and Ida Carrier. Standing: Myrtle Long, Coordinator

establish the client's identity as a Ho-Chunk woman which elevates her self-esteem, creates self-respect, offers a source of spirituality and assist in her chosen spiritual

path, helps educate to the young, the parent(s)/guardians and to non-Ho-Chunk parents, and provides cultural in-service training upon request from the Ho-Chunk Nation

and other agencies.

We are very grateful to our Elders for sharing their wisdom for a better future for our Ho-Chunk women.

Excitement abounds at the Head Start

Submitted by Laurel Meek-Sackett, Head Start Director

We have begun another fantastic year in Head Start, so many wonderful opportunities lie ahead!!!

This summer was a flurry of activity. With many thanks to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, we are proud to announce that funding for a new Wisconsin Dells site has been approved. The process is in the beginning phases but will move very quickly, very soon!

Head Start recently went through its regularly scheduled internal audit and has been found to be in full compliance. We will be facing an unannounced federal on-site monitoring review, as well as a triennial CACFP audit at some point this year, and are working hard and hoping for the same result. With budget cuts at

both the federal and state level, we are doing all that we can to make sure our program is a shining star, and not one that should be cut from funding.

The year kicked off in August with our annual Parent Orientation and Child Screening days, held at each site. We are excited to report 100 percent participation. We are pleased to have such wonderful parents again this year.

We are currently fully enrolled at all Centers, with a waiting list of 21 children that are age eligible, and two who at this time are not. Enrollment is always a daunting task and is a difficult time of the year, as we wish we could enroll every child that applies for the first day of school. Our program is federally funded, so we are held to compliance to their standards of enrollment.

Selection is conducted using an approved selection criteria based on federal requirements:

- Students returning for a second year are a priority and will return if their families' desire.
- Students who are income eligible at 100% of poverty are a priority.
- Students with special needs must make up (at minimum) 10% of the enrollment.

Following those priority groups, students who are over income can be enrolled, as long as that number does not exceed 49% of the total enrollment. If there are available positions, income eligible students are chosen to fill the positions, since they cannot be given to over income children. Income eligible students can only be left on the waiting list if the center is full with returning

students, income eligible students, and children with disabilities.

Recruiting remains in full swing. Keep those applications coming... SPREAD THE WORD! Incidentally, we take applications all year long and accept new students as openings occur.

The theme for September is "LOOK AT ME!!!" The children are hard at work learning about yellow; the circle; the numbers 1 and 2; the letters a, p, and m; and the school bus and bus safety. The value they will be working on is making friends. They will be learning the opposites of fast and slow; the wonders of their five senses; caring for themselves and others; and protective behaviors. Next month is "FALL HARVEST!!!"

The Head Start Central Office has relocated to the

"Original Mission School". We are excited to be here! It is fun, with the return of the children, to be so close, we can open our windows and hear all of the fun taking place outdoors!

We are thrilled to be back in business, to see the smiling faces everyday of our kiddos, and to once again have a flurry of laughter, learning, curiosity, activities, wonderment, and sometimes an occasional cry at our centers. We are excited for the new year!

Our Mission--created by parents, staff and community members

~The Ho-Chunk Head Start Program embraces each families individuality, and nurtures each child to grow intellectually, physically, socially, emotionally, culturally, and spiritually~

HHCDA projects go into high gear

Submitted by Mark Butterfield and Neil Whitegull

HHCDA will be beginning a number of long delayed projects, having received its HUD allocation for Fiscal Year 2011 in late August. HHCD is busy completing a baseball field in Wittenberg, which will have its fencing installed this week and next. Already the ground for it has been graded and seeded. The grass is being tended so that the outfield will be established for coming years. Fall is the perfect time for growing and establishing lawns and grass fields, so HHCD is on track to establish the outfield grass. All Wittenberg residents are encouraged to protect the field from ATV use, which would damage the field as it is getting established. HHCD will also be paving a basketball court in

Wittenberg.

Energy Efficiency Projects: HHCD will be adding photovoltaic cell (PVC) panels to three buildings: (1) the Administration Building in Tomah, matching the existing array on the Programs Building, (2) the Chakh-Hah-Chee Community Center, and (3) the HHCD Winnebago Heights warehouse. This project will lower the agency and Ho-Chunk Nation's annual outlay for electricity and is expected to have a payback of 8 to 10 years. The advantage is that if electric rates go up, the payback on our investment in Green Energy will be sooner. It also helps HHCD and the Ho-Chunk Nation on the path to self-sufficiency in energy and advances tribal sovereignty as we become a generator instead of just a consumer of energy.

Dynamic Homes is on track to build a four-bedroom unit in the Winnebago Heights subdivision. The house is being factory built, since it is a modular home, and it will be brought to the site and attached to the foundation in late November. After being placed on the foundation, completion and finishing work will be done on site.

HHCD is also adding fencing around our warehouses in Blue Wing, Winnebago Heights and Sand Pillow. Our Development division will be adding some outdoor charcoal grills (at Ho-Chunk Village Shelter) and public waste bins are being ordered for various parks and public areas. HHCD also will be building a storage garage to be added to Ho-Chunk Village, and the four old Indian Heights single-family houses are slated to be

demolished.

Last, the ICDBG funded Day Care Center across from the Black River Falls Health Clinic is nearing completion, which is expected by the end of October. This project is expected to open after the first of the year, or as soon as the building is completed and staff can be trained and

hired. Various Ho-Chunk Community members have volunteered to serve as board members, helping to develop the Children's Learning Village Montessori Child Care and will be involved in its governance as a non-profit entity, separate from both HHCD and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

VETERANS DAY

Those of you that have served in the Military from September 11, 2001 until the present, please contact: Veterans Service Officer, Mike Rave at 715-284-4563
Or Quentin Thundercloud at 608-372-9558

We are honoring you at the Veterans Day Pow-wow on November 5, 2011 at Camp Douglas, WI.

Sponsored by: Descendants of the Red Arrow (D.O.R.A.)

BRF Middle School Youth Council swearing in

Submitted by
Hocak Worak

Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer looks on as Black River Falls Middle School Ho-Chunk Youth Council members are sworn in at a Family Night event held at the Area 1 Community Center on September 28, 2011.

Only when the roar in the gymnasium simmered to a low murmur did President Greendeer welcome everyone in attendance and said, "The Ho-Chunk Middle School Youth Council will honor and utilize the mission statement of Youth Services by providing leadership qualities as defined in the Ho-Chunk Youth Council code of conduct and ethics. Along with our code of conduct, we have our Youth Council understand to accept spirituality as an important foundation to a healthy, balanced lifestyle. Along with having pride in our culture, [and our] Ho-Chunk heritage, the Black River Falls Middle School Youth Council also understands and accepts the importance of refraining from the use of alcohol,

tobacco and drugs to maintain physical and mental well being in order to be a positive role model for present and future generations, and to making a personal commitment to strive toward meeting their full potential."

According to the Youth General Council Mission Statement 2011 - 2012: the Ho-Chunk Youth Council shall exist to voice the concerns of the Native youth living in all Ho-Chunk areas. The Ho-Chunk Youth Council

will be a means of combining and coordinating youth toward a common goal by simulating Ho-Chunk Nation government. We will be committed to improving our council and youth through community, prevention, and cultural projects. The Ho-Chunk Youth Council will strive to improve their individual members and

provide them with the opportunities to interact socially and have fun while developing leadership skills. President Greendeer reinforced this mission

"I solemnly swear to uphold the values and beliefs of the Ho-Chunk Youth Council. I will steer our rights to be a strong voice for the youth of our Nation. I will assist to advance the welfare of our youth and safeguard our interests. I will cooperatively sustain our culture and promote our traditions to perpetuate our existence. I will perform the duties of my office on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Youth Council with honor, respect, dignity, and sincerity. I will promote our future, live healthy and protect our past."

statement by saying, "This is exactly why we implement these community programs to promote youth leadership, to create leaders amongst tribal members."

Area II legislator Andrea Estebo also expressed to the youth that they are valued members of the Ho-Chunk Nation and said, "I encourage each of you to set an example

by treating yourselves and others with respect. It is very exciting to see our youth participate in government and be able to have a say in the decisions that affect them. I am very proud and excited for our future leaders, each of you are a valued member of our Ho-Chunk Nation and this is an excellent opportunity for personal growth in this leadership role."

After swearing-in was complete, President Greendeer closed with, "You young people have just made one of the biggest accomplishments you will ever have made in your lives. It is an incredible privilege to serve as an elected or appointed position and to do something in the best interest of the Nation."

President Greendeer went on to say, "Under the Ho-Chunk Nation Youth General Council, Youth Council shall exist to voice its concerns of Native youth living in all Ho-Chunk areas. The Youth

Council will be a means of combining youth towards a common goal. We will be committed to improving our culture and youth to community prevention and cultural projects."

The Youth Council will strive to improve the individual members and provide them with the opportunity to interact socially and have fun while developing leadership skills. In the past the Youth Council has been involved with providing clothing and food to tribes in South Dakota, hosting youth in social events, attending the Unity Conference and many more. This year the Youth Council has already become part of the Suicide Prevention Task Force and is looking forward to donating items to the Ho-Chunk Safe House assisting local teenage youth and working more with native and non-native communities."

The Ho-Chunk Nation is alive and well. Congratulations to these future leaders of the Ho-Chunk Nation.



Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer looks on as Black River Falls Middle School Ho-Chunk Youth Council members are sworn in at a Family Night event held at the Area 1 Community Center on September 28, 2011. Youth Council members (L-R): President Lucas Sta-cy, Vice-President Craig Cleveland, Legislator Eli Smith, Legislator Cynthia Domiguez, Treasurer Gary Garvin, and Secretary Cyrus Ortiz.

Remembering two young tribal members

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

On Monday September 26, the Dells Area Youth Services held a monthly Family Night where Ho-Chunk families came together to eat, enroll their children for Youth Services, learn more about the program, and to enjoy an evening of singing.

Youth member, Ethan "Bobby" Henneha, offered a word of prayer and the meal



Relative to Diane, Youth Services worker Georgia Lonetree spoke on behalf of Diane acknowledging that as a young Ho-Chunk woman Diane did not touch a drum and that she sang on her own and did a great job!

was under way with corn and squash soup with pork, baked squash, wild rice and hamburger casserole, and a big hunk of fry bread.

Youth Coordinator Chuck Davis premiered a movie of the Baraboo Youth Services drum group, Free Spiritz, singing one of the Ho-Chunk Flag Songs. In August, 2010, tribal members and Free Spiritz founding members, Tyler Henneha and Jordan Hilling, walked on to the Spirit World. To pay tribute, Youth Services showed the movie and invited the young men and women, High School graduates, Alumni and former participants of the drum group who are now young adults.

Father and volunteer, Charles Hindsley, was also in the movie and present to support his sons Albert and Addakai Hindsley who both have sang with the group and came back to help honor and sing for the evenings event. Also singing were Charles and Benjamin Hopinkah, Ethan and Aaron Henneha, Terrance Cleveland and "Bobby Mo" Morris. In memory of Tyler and Jordan, two seats were left open at the

drum.

After the singing, the main event took place. Chuck Davis asked Tyler's Cho-ka Henry Little Soldier, Jaunita Walker and myself (Sanford LittleEagle) to judge the Hand Drum Contest, a Memorial to both Tyler and Jordans memory. So first up was The Kids, Terrance Cleveland and Bobby Mo, who sang Black Jack Daisy. Diane Greendeer walked up by herself and when asked if she wanted the help of a Hand Drum accompanying her she politely declined. She sang a very well Contemporary Round Dance that she had composed herself in memory of her nani. Then on deck was the Super Smash Broz. After each song, the audience clapped loud and cheered for each of the contestants.

There were also door prizes throughout the night for \$20 Gift Cards to Walmart. The Henneha Family and Marilyn Hilling were also presented with Gift Baskets. Jackie and Marilyn (mothers to Tyler and Jordan), both spoke and thanked everyone for being there and had brought personal family pictures to



In memory of Tyler and Jordan, two seats were left open at the drum. Photos submitted by Annette B. Crowder, WI Dells YLC

share with everybody.

It was good to see the boys again. So with the First Annual Tyler Henneha and Jordan Hilling Memorial Hand Drum Contest, the Winners were the Super Smash Broz in 3rd place, The Kids taking home 2nd place and in 1st place walking away with \$200 was Diane Greendeer.

Great job to everyone who participated and who for everyone that showed their support.



2nd and 3rd place winners



A Hero's Welcome

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

On Saturday October 8, 2011 World War II Veteran Walter Whitehorse received a Hero's Welcome Home. The terminal at the Dane County Regional Airport was packed almost near capacity. It was wall to wall Red, White and Blue as family members had gathered to cheer on and Welcome their veteran home. Walter was one of 225 veterans flying same day air travel as Madison's "Badger Honor Flight" took Wisconsin WWII veterans to see their WWII Memorial out to Washington DC.

The trip was funded by Pick n' Save, Cops, and Rainbow grocery stores and was an all-day event. Veterans were taken to see the World War II Memorial in honor of the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died,

and all who supported the war effort from home.

The Inaugural Flight took place November 19, 2008 and with Donor help has made the trip available to WWII Veterans like Walter a reality. Walter served in the United States Navy from Feb. 1942 – Nov. 1945 during World War II. A War involving most of the world's nations, it was a time in History where there was "total war" where there was division amongst the Allies and Axis powers of the globe were fighting for each other's doom.

During his trip to D.C., Walter saw many of Washington's monuments and loved his experience. He wished it could have been longer because there was so much to see. Walter said his chaperone was very nice and joked with him during the plane trip. He also had "mail call" on the plane, where

family members wrote him letters of what he has meant to us through the years and how it must have been for a 16 year old boy going to war in those days. He said they fed him well on the trip and when they were close to home from the long day he was excited to get home and see his wife. He had no idea what was in store for him when he landed back at the Dane County Regional Airport.

Anticipating his arrival were two members of the Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post #556, Paul Cloud and Joseph WhiteEagle Sr., accompanied by Walter's son Ken Whitehorse standing on the Concourse of the terminal, along with Jon Thundercloud with Hand Drum in hand, almost first in line to greet the Veterans. Walter walked out in to the terminal where he was hand delivered a Coin from Ducks Unlimited commemorating the Flight. As Walter walked over he saw the Ho-Chunk Color Guard with the American Flag, Ho-Chunk Nation Flag, State of Wisconsin Flag. Many other veterans passing by also Saluted the White Eagle Post as Jon Thundercloud sang the Navy Song first, as he proceeded to sing all of the Service Songs.

When Walter came down the escalator he was greeted with cheers and applause from his own cheering section and as others gave a round of applause and



Man in Blue – 2nd row, Harlan Hendrix, Row 1 Bridgette (Walter's granddaughter – RuthAnn's daughter), Ruth Ann Whitehorse Burns (daughter), Judy Whitehorse, DJ Whitehorse-Klauser and Anne Thnudercloud

watched, a smiling warrior made his way towards his family. Many people were smiling as he embraced his family. Walter was also greeted by Ho-Chunk Nation Public Relations Officer Anne Thundercloud. She had presented Walter with the Stars and Stripes Pendleton

Blanket and a Proclamation from the Ho-Chunk Nations Presidents office. His cunge DJ Klauser donned his utilities Army uniform and escorted Walter down the terminal as the Military Band had been playing Anchors Away.



Ho-Chunk WWII Veteran, Walter Whitehorse, is welcomed home after a "same day air travel" to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Ribbon cutting held at Tomah Veterans Memorial

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

On September 10, two F-16's flew over the Tomah Veterans Memorial located at Memorial Park. Flying from north of Tomah and quickly jetting south in warp speeds, hundreds of feet above Superior Avenue, over one thousand people showed their support for the Tomah Veteran's Memorial dedication; made by Michael Fienberg (originally from Tomah), of the Peter Troost Monument Company out of Illinois.

While much of the work came right from Business owners in Tomah, there were donations of time and equipment. Many applauded in awe after hearing that it took tens of thousands of dollars to raise the funds and how they were raised locally without any from the City, County or State. Many businesses helped by raising the land and leveling it for the next business to provide donated services in the form of laying concrete. A local Electrician also donated his time, materials and ran the power lines. Through donated funds, they were able to

purchase the lights that light up the Memorial.

USMC Veteran and Director of Heritage and Preservation, Robert Mann spoke on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation. He gave thanks to the residents of Tomah for asking the Ho-Chunk Nation to help with the project. While speaking at the Memorial Dedication, Mann made note that, "Without hesitation the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature approved the request for a donation request."

With help from the Ho-Chunk Nation, five thousand dollars was donated to the Tomah Veterans Memorial that proudly displays a kiosk with the Great Seal of the Ho-Chunk Nation and bears the name of Elliot DeCora, a fallen Ho-Chunk War Hero who served Honorably being Killed In Action.

Robert Mann also mentioned that Ho-Chunk men have been serving (this Country) as far back as the Civil War and gave many thanks to all of the Veterans. He was very moved, and it was an Honor and Privilege to be there amongst everyone and to all those that had a helping hand in the Memorial.



Robert Mann listens as the Dedication to the Tomah Veterans Memorial is given. Tomah Veterans Memorial, as the F-16's flyover.

As the Ceremonial Dedication came to an end, a detachment from Ft. McCoy rendered a 21 Gun Salute. Many tears had come to the corners of the eyes of men

who have been in these wars and machine gun fire fights; something that many of us will never know what it is, to enjoy the freedoms and way of life these men, these

Veterans, have sacrificed during War Time conflicts. As they presented arms, the echoing of Taps filled the afternoon's silence.

Where did it all go?

Reminiscing fifty years ago

Submitted by
Tony Trevithick – Free
Lance Writer

This old parking lot is just as large as I have always remembered it. But there are no cars, no tourist buses and no crowds of people all about. Now, there are only numerous tall grassy patches and tumbleweeds scattered about the worn gravel surface. This could be a parking lot for a ghost town. It seems so sad to see it all gone, not replaced with new hotels and tourist sights, but totally deserted. Not at all like the madness down the road; the huge fancy

From head to foot, he was the classic Indian ceremonial dancer. I can still picture him in his huge Mohawk styled owl-feathered head dress with the mirror on the front with fluffy red feathers circled about it. We made costumes too, but they were not as fabulous as his. I can still picture Herb's long black braided hair, his heavily beaded necklace, beaded leather vest, and an enormous round owl-feathered bustle on his behind. Two more fluffy red feathered mirrors were mounted on the sides of his knees, huge jingle bells

impressive. From this very parking lot it was just a short walk down the canyon to the council ring arena. But not us, we had a special way to get there. We took a dreamy boat ride up the winding Upper Dells River. One of the features on board was a collection of bird calls by Chief Evergreen Tree. His whistling calls to the dusky air enhanced the beauty of the rocky shoreline slowly floating by, as we pressed forward, up into the wilderness and back into history itself. For then, up here at Stand Rock, some of the very best experiences of my life were yet to come.

I remember when I met with Chief Evergreen Tree at their peaceful Indian village (now a noisy, giant plastic dinosaur park). Then, at a different, more spiritual time, he had presented me with a beaded headband that his wife had made for me. He told me that this was a symbol of the start of my manhood, and that I now had to earn the feathers for it. I was then made an honorary member of the majestic Winnebago (now called Ho-Chunk) Nation, a precious moment that still captures my heart and still fills my soul with pride.

This now dilapidated, council arena was then absolutely spectacular. When we arrived by boat, we followed the woody dock that snaked between narrow darkened rocky passageways. The huge arena would open up in front of us spinning and sprawling upward along the walls of a gaping, rocky canyon. Spiraling rows of wooden seats were packed with crowds of noisy, anxious spectators. The council ring below had a spacious, hard earthen dance area with a traditional fireplace. Several tipis were on each side and we could only wonder who or what was inside of them. To me, the suspense was totally riveting.

I can see it all now. The crowd silences, as, in his majestic full length war bonnet, Chief Evergreen Tree walks out and stands before us. He stretches his arms out, and welcomes us all to their Winnebago ceremonial council fire. Moments later, above us, across the canyon, a spotlight falls on a lone warrior perched on a rocky ledge. I can still hear him now, as he sings the traditional Zuni Sunrise Call.

Wah, tah-ho, tah-ho
(An echo in the distance calls back) Wah, tah-ho, tah-ho
Wah you tah ho nah-wee tah nah lo
Wah you tah ho tah-hee mah nah lo
Mah yah nah wee zoo mee teth lah nee
Mah yah nah wee zoo mee tah nah lee
Wah, tah-ho, tah-ho
(An echo in the distance calls back) Wah, tah-ho, tah-ho

The spotlight fades out and



Woodcraft Camp Postcard 1955 – Herb, Rick & Clem



Singers and dancers that use to make the show live and entertaining for the WI Dells tourists.



The old Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial parking lot, now with tall grassy patches and tumbleweeds scattered about the worn gravel surface.

hotels, the monstrous water parks and the water shows. Sure, the water shows were there fifty years ago, but they were only just side shows. Then, the true meaning of the Wisconsin Dells could be discovered right here, just beyond this parking lot.

Fifty years ago, may seem like long time, but I remember it as though it was yesterday. I was just a nine-year old kid and the fabulous Dells trip was reserved only for the full term campers at Woodcraft Camp, about an hour ride northeast of here. It was especially important to the Indian Lore enthusiasts there. Yes, we called it "Indian" Lore. My friend George and I were really into it, thanks to our counselors, Herb and his brother Rick. At camp, they were our only Native American role models. Herb had this absolutely fabulous costume he wore at our weekly evening council fires.

hung around his ankles, and his feet were adorned with authentically beaded deerskin moccasins.

At our camp, the weekly council fire was an awesome experience; almost scary, but totally consuming. As we sat on old fallen logs about the council ring fire, sparks would pop and embers would drift up into the summer night sky, blending into a vast background of brightly flickering stars. Herb would raise the peace pipe to each of the four winds, then down to Mah Kah Hee-Nee (Mother Earth) and finally up to Oh Gah-Gah (The Great Spirit). Then Herb would circle the fire, like a Tasmanian devil, spinning and pounding his feet up and down, with his bells ringing to his brother's beating on the large ceremonial drum.

Nevertheless, the Stand Rock Indian Ceremony at the Dells was much more

a drum starts to slowly beat, like the beating of a heart. Chief Evergreen Tree takes a torch from the perimeter and lights the council fire. A long, toe to heel, procession slowly follows, entering the stage area below. It is lead by sub-chiefs, followed by outrageously adorned dancer braves, then by serenely dressed women, and finally, young ones dressed, in turn, just as their elders. They all slowly circle the fire stepping methodically to the heartbeat of the drum.

Fabulous symbolic dancing follows. A brave, wearing an eagle mask, his arms adorned with eagle feathers, flutters about the dance area performing the magnificent Eagle Dance. The gymnastic Hoop Dance follows, then the Snake Dance and the War Dance, to mention just a few. Then, at the end of the ceremony as the fire is burning out, a lone maiden stands up, on that skinny sentinel Stand Rock, and sings the idyllic Indian Love Call. Her young beautiful voice echoing across the wide, dark and misty Wisconsin River.

But now, all I hear are dogs barking. And, I can see, off to the side of this old empty parking lot, are several, noisy, scruffy, very unhappy dogs, fenced in someone's front yard. They appear to be pretty nasty, barking and snarling as though they would certainly like to get a piece of my

miserable hide. Ironically, I can remember when crowds of spectators cheered, as a lone brave dog leaped across the ten foot span from the bluff overhead to the thirty foot high Stand Rock sentinel that stood out, as a silhouette, with the Wisconsin River behind basked with the soft red hues of a summer sunset.

So, where did it all go? Now, only ridiculously huge resorts, casinos, towering water parks and bazaar tourist traps clutter, what was, a truly spiritual Native American area. Now, to the average visitor, their only memories of the Wisconsin Dells will be just a lot of meaningless commercialism. Like so much of our vital human history, the true meaning of the Dells has virtually drifted, like the tumbleweed does across this parking lot, into the past. This barren parking lot, the collapsing visitor entrance and the dilapidated ceremonial arena are sad reflections of a magnificent tribe that, for millenniums, truly ruled this surrounding territory. Some may think that I am just a sentimental old man, but this was so very important to my personal development, to my very existence, my inner soul, and I sincerely miss it all.



For those that remember, the description of Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial Grounds.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING – EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
AUGUST 31, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Rep. Robert TwoBears, at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:
Rep. Robert TwoBears,
Presiding Officer (P)
Rep. Patrick RedEagle,
Presiding Officer (P)
V.P. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Doug Greengrass (P)
Rep. Susan Weber (10:01 a.m.)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. Jim Greendeer (P)
Rep. John Holst (10:13 a.m.)
Rep. Hope Smith (P)
District 3 (vacant)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
Quorum is established.

OPENING PRAYER: Representative Patrick RedEagle offered a word of prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to APPROVE the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MEETING MINUTES: MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to dispense with the reading of the July 25, 2011 Regular Finance meeting minutes as they were ratified at the August 8, 2011 Legislative meeting. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORTS:
Department of Business Reports: Class II / III Facility Reports ~ The monthly reports were submitted by the Class II/III facilities for the Committee.
Rep. John Holst arrives at 10:13 a.m.

Class II / III Marketing Reports ~ Dave Abangan
Mr. Abangan reviewed the marketing report with the Committee. The marquee signs for all of the gaming facilities are expected to be ready in early November. Ho-Chunk Gaming advertising on the FOX sports advertising for the Brewer games has seen an increase in impressions. Camp Randall stadium now has a Ho-Chunk Gaming sign on their main billboard.

Non-Gaming/Other Entities ~ Rob Reider

Retail Division: Rob Reider reviewed the July report with the Committee.

Distribution Center ~ Troy Swallow
The report for the month of July was reviewed with the Committee. Tribal member, Forrest Funmaker, requested that Constitutional Reform Committee's FY 11-12 budget be added to the agenda as he has new information for the Committee.

Agenda Amendment: MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to amend the agenda to add Constitutional Reform Committee FY 11-12 budget under UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Second by Rep. John Holst. **9 – 0 – 1 (V.P. Greg Blackdeer) MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room)
Treasury Report ~ Kathryn Young
July 2011 Financial update: The Tribal Treasurer reviewed the July 2011 financials with the Committee. A history of the Merrill Lynch LMA was requested for next month.

Tax Code Update ~ Kathryn Young, Rob Reider

An update was submitted by the Department of Treasury and Department of Business and the reports were reviewed with the Committee.

Investment Portfolio Reports: Special Revenue Account (June/July)

The representative, Todd Anderson, of the Special Revenue Account was not present so the Committee moved to the next agenda item.

Merrill Lynch Report ~ The representative from the Merrill Lynch was not present so the Committee moved to the next agenda item.

RECESS: There was a brief recess from 10:57 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL:
Rep. Robert TwoBears,
Presiding Officer (P)

Rep. Patrick RedEagle,
Presiding Officer (P)
V.P. Greg Blackdeer (11:10 a.m.)
Rep. Doug Greengrass (P)
Rep. Susan Weber (P)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. Jim Greendeer (P)
Rep. John Holst (P)
Rep. Hope Smith (11:08 a.m.)
District 3 (vacant)

Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
Quorum is established.

REPORTS (Continued):
401k Investment Manager Changes ~ Marc McDowell
Mr. McDowell from Baker Tilly gave a brief history of the 401k and explained they are the advisor of the plan and are available if anyone has any questions. He reviewed the Executive Summary handout with the Committee. The recommendations of their changes of the Small Cap Growth manager and the International Small Cap Growth manager were reviewed with the Committee. An A.I.F. training (Accredited Investment Fiduciary) was offered to the legislators and there is a budgeted amount for the international training in bringing them here that is covered in the Investment and Trust Committee budget and could cover the legislators. There were some legislators interested and the training will be set up in the future.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to REFER the recommendation from Baker Tilly to the 401k retirement plan in removing Baron Growth as the Small Cap Growth manager and replacing with Wasatch Small Cap Growth and to remove Third Avenue International Value and replacing with DFA International Small Company manager for adoption by resolution. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Tribal Aging Advisory Board: The TAU Director was unable to attend the meeting and it was mentioned that the August 17, 2011 did not require any items that needed to be addressed by the Committee.

AGENDA AMENDMENT: MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to amend the agenda to address the District 1 request from Sequoia Garvin. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

DISTRICT REQUESTS:
District 1 Request ~ Sequoia Garvin

The request was for a donation to ZERO, the project to end prostate cancer, as she will be participating in the Chicago marathon on a team called Dash for Dad's and is requesting a contribution of \$925. **MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to APPROVE the District 1 request from Sequoia Garvin and to make a contribution of \$925 to ZERO on her behalf, the funds are to be allocated from the Charitable Contribution line item. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **7 – 0 – 4 (V.P. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Susan Weber, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. John Holst) MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORTS (Continued):
Special Revenue Account ~ Todd Anderson

Mr. Anderson gave a brief history of his working with the Nation and the safety and liquidity of the instruments that are used in the Special Revenue account, this includes the Per Capita and Roads Construction accounts. Within the last year and a half the Nation established a laddered bond portfolio over a five year period. An income analysis report and the July reports were reviewed with the Committee.

Mr. Anderson had some recommendations for the Committee to consider: 1. that the Nation move all existing monies in the Federated Prime Management Obligations money market into the Federated Government Obligations money market at Pershing Advisor Solutions and 2. to allocate twenty million of the existing monies in the money market into the laddered bond portfolio in accordance with the Investment Policy Statement. **MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to REFER the recommendations from Todd Anderson on the Tribal Special Revenue Account to the next Legislative meeting for adoption by resolution. Second by V.P. Greg Blackdeer. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

RECESS: MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to recess for lunch until 1:25 p.m. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **8 – 3 (Rep. Jim Greendeer, Rep. Greg Littlejohn, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit) – 0 MOTION CARRIED.**
The meeting recessed at 12:24 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 1:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Rep. Robert TwoBears,
Presiding Officer (P)
Rep. Patrick RedEagle,
Presiding Officer (P)
V.P. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Doug Greengrass (P)
Rep. Susan Weber (P)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. Jim Greendeer (2:23 p.m.)
Rep. John Holst (P)
Rep. Hope Smith (P)
District 3 (vacant)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (1:33 p.m.)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
Quorum is established.

Agenda Amendment: MOTION by Rep. John Holst to amend the agenda to add the District 2 request from Alice Cloud to DISTRICT REQUESTS. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to amend the agenda to add the Indian Land Tenure request to DISTRICT REQUESTS. Second by Rep. John Holst. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORT:
Merrill Lynch: Dan Staples is unable to be in attendance this month.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to TABLE the Merrill Lynch July report to next month's meeting. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
HHCA Request ~ Title VI ~ Paul Tyse, Neil Whitegull, Mark Butterfield
There was lengthy discussion on the request from HHCA to fund the childcare center that is currently being built next to the clinic.

The request was for \$202,500 to cover personnel costs, furniture, equipment, materials, travel, marketing, and training. **MOTION** by V.P. Greg Blackdeer to APPROVE the \$202,500 request for the HHCA Childcare Project start up costs with the detailed reporting on how it's going to be spent in grant format and the potential for repayment if foundation funding is received and to provide a quarterly update to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **MOTION IS AMENDED TO TABLE THE REQUEST FROM HHCA FOR ONE MONTH AND TO SUBMIT PROJECTIONS FOR THE PROJECT AND HOW THE FUNDS WILL BE PAID BACK TO THE NATION. SECOND CONCURS. 9 – 0 – 2 (Rep. Jim Greendeer, Rep. Susan Weber) MOTION CARRIED.**

FY 11-12 Constitutional Reform budget ~ Forrest Funmaker
A handout was distributed to the Committee showing additional justification for their proposed budget. The budget included three different budgets \$95,023; \$66,223, and \$96,463. The following items were included: Lawyer fees, interviews with elders for video/audio project, public forums, newsletter and website costs, stipends and lodging and meeting expenses. The breakdown as to the amount for each line item was not included and the Committee requested the amount to be placed into line items and not to exceed the \$41,760 that was originally allocated for Constitutional Reform. In the past three years, CRTF actual did not exceed \$27,384. The CRTF had a meeting in July and they have not received payments for that meeting and they would like to have a meeting prior to General Council. **MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to REFER the FY 11-12 Constitutional Reform Task Force Committee budget of \$41,760 with the breakdown included of each line item to the next Legislative meeting for consideration. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **10 – 1 (Rep. Jim Greendeer) – 0 MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:
Compact Deduction Request ~ Wazee Upgrade ~ Bill Lowe:

It was reported that the Wazee Commission is in the process of completing the design on the sewage treatment facility upgrade which will support the expansion project for the casino and future housing and community development projects. \$270,000 will allow for the completion of the design. Last year a similar deduction was made and the request is to allow the project as a deduction to the compact payment. **MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to REFER the Compact Deduction for the Wazee Upgrade item to the next Legislative meeting for adoption by resolution. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Budget Modifications:
HCG – BRF: MOTION by Rep. John Holst to APPROVE page 2 of 2 of the HCG BRF budget modification 10/2000-08.05.2011-M01 in the amount of \$44,250. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Legislature: The budget modification was transferring funds from the Chief of Staff and Legislative Assistant to the new positions, Chief Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to APPROVE the Legislative budget modification 1100-08.29.2011-M01 in the amount of \$70,080. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Environmental Health: MOTION by V.P. Greg Blackdeer to APPROVE the Environmental Health budget modification 7008-08.05.2011-M01 in the amount of \$5,022. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

General Fund: The budget modification was to transfer funds to support the digital cinema that was approved at the July Finance Committee meeting. Further clarification was requested on the modification.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to TABLE the General Fund budget modification 1900-08.29.2011-M01 for further clarification and to address later in the meeting. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **5 – 4 (V.P. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Jim Greendeer, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Hope Smith) – 2 (Rep. John Holst, Rep. Greg Littlejohn) MOTION CARRIED.**

General Fund: The budget modification presented for the General Fund was a decrease to fund elder roof repairs and to possibly place the funds into the Department of Housing budget so they can oversee the funding. There was discussion on the prioritizing it for elite elders and to stipulate they cannot sell the home for five years and priority for those elder homes that are in need of immediate repair as the roof may further damage the home. Scott Lowe, TAU, provided the information (87 elders) and some of the elders listed have rental homes. Housing is researching the list as to how many are elite, how many have HOP homes, if it is their principal residence, if some of the homes have storm damage and to assess if they have insurance, and District 5 is not included on the list. The Department of Housing will gather the data on the list. The appropriation needs to be made and if there isn't a need for it, the funds can be put back.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to take from the Elder Assistance line item instead of the Loan Principal line item. **MOTION DIES DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.** Rep. Estebo requested the funds come from the Charitable Contributions line item to fund the roof repairs. **MOTION** by V.P. Greg Blackdeer to APPROVE the General Fund budget modification 1900-08.29.2011-D01 in the amount of \$200,000 moving funds from the Loan Principal line item to the General Fund Budget Account. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **6 – 3 (Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Hope Smith, Rep. Susan Weber) – 2 (Rep. Jim Greendeer, Rep. Greg Littlejohn) MOTION CARRIED.**

DISTRICT REQUESTS:
District 1 Paved Driveways ~ Rep. Doug Greengrass
Annabelle Lowe: MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to APPROVE the request for paved driveway for Annabelle Lowe, elite elder, in the amount of \$5,200

from the Elder Assistance payable to the vendor. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **10 – 0 – 0 MOTION CARRIED.** (V.P. Greg Blackdeer out of the room)

Lawrence Thundercloud: MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to APPROVE the request for the paved driveway for Lawrence Thundercloud, elite elder, in the amount of \$17,985 from the Elder Assistance payable to the vendor. Second by Rep. Jim Greendeer. **7 – 0 – 2 (Rep. Susan Weber, Rep. John Holst) MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Andrea Estebo, V.P. Greg Blackdeer out of the room)

Ray Thundercloud: MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to APPROVE the request for the paved driveway for Ray Thundercloud, disabled elder, in the amount of \$4,900 from the Elder Assistance payable to the vendor. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **8 – 0 – 2 (Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. John Holst) MOTION CARRIED.** (V.P. Greg Blackdeer out of the room)

District 2 ~ Alice Cloud ~ Rep. John Holst

A request was submitted by tribal member, Alice Cloud, on behalf of making a contribution to a church, Hope through Christ Ministries, for flooring, washer/dryer, and computer. Rep. Holst reported that the Department of Administration can donate a computer to the church. **MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to APPROVE a contribution to the Hope through Christ Ministries for the flooring bid in the amount of \$3,745 from the Charitable Contribution line item, payable to the vendor. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **4 – 0 – 7 (V.P. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Susan Weber, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Jim Greendeer, Rep. Greg Littlejohn, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit) MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to request a historical breakdown for the last two fiscal years on the expenditures of the Charitable Contribution line items and how it was distributed per District and per expense for the next Finance Committee meeting. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **9 – 1 (Rep. Hope Smith) – 0 MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Jim Greendeer is excused at 4:17 p.m.

Indian Land Tenure: The request was for a \$2,000 donation to support costs of an upcoming meeting scheduled September 20, 2011 in Hinkley, MN.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to APPROVE a \$1,000 contribution to the Indian Land Tenure Foundation to support the Tribal Land Consolidation meeting from the Charitable Contribution line item. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **5 – 0 – 4 (V.P. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. John Holst, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit) MOTION CARRIED.**

General Fund: MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to APPROVE the General Fund budget modification 1900-08.29.2011-M02 in the amount of \$65,800 transferring funds from Loan Principal to Marcus Theatre Project. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **6 – 2 (Rep. Susan Weber, Rep. John Holst) – 2 (Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Shelby Visintin) MOTION CARRIED.**

General Fund: MOTION by V.P. Greg Blackdeer to readress the General Fund budget decrease 1900-08.29.2011-D01 and to change it to 1900-08.29.2011-M03 in the amount of \$200,000 with the correct account Elder Roof Repairs 01-1900-670-7047. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Shelby Visintin out of the room)

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Kelley Thundercloud,
Recording Secretary

Vicki Shisler,
Recording Secretary

Special Election for District III Legislator Seat #1

Submitted by
Marlon WhiteEagle

On Monday, August 29th, 2011, the Election Board of the Ho-Chunk Nation posted a Notice of a Special Election for District III Legislator Seat #1. The Notice stated that the Special Election was being "held due to the resignation of Legislator Elena Terry District 3, Seat 1."

Vacancy of an elected official's office, whether

by removal, recall, or resignation, is not good. The Constitution of Ho-Chunk Nation has provisions for such an instance. The Election Board is constitutionally required to call for the Special Election "in the appropriate District to be held within Thirty (30) days." Judy Whitehorse, Election Board Chairperson, said the (Election) Board acted on a letter written by Vice

President Greg Blackdeer, dated August 25th, stating that Legislator Elena Terry's resignation was accepted.

Allen C. Cloud, Heather Cloud, Elena Terry, and Myrna J. Thompson were listed as Candidates for the Special Election that was held on September 23, 2011. The results of the election were as follows: Allen C. Cloud, 7.53%; Heather Cloud, 33.33%; Elena Terry,

29.03%; Myrna J Thompson, 30.11%. The results were certified by the Election Board on "9/24/2011." The Election Code says the two top vote getters will have a runoff election if no candidate receives "fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total votes cast to be deemed as the winner." The runoff election is scheduled for October 14th, where one of the candidates Heather Cloud and Myrna

J. Thompson will win the vacated seat.

The Election Board also shared costs associated with this Special Election. The 30 day Special Election cost approximately \$55,000.00 to be held. The runoff election is closer to \$60,000.00. That's a total of \$115,000.00 to fill the vacant seat.

NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011

Legislature District 3, Seat 1 Candidates: Heather Cloud Myrna J. Thompson

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of District 3. The Ho-Chunk Nation is calling a Special Runoff Election to fill District 3, Seat 1, due to the resignation of Legislator Elena Terry. On September 23, 2011, a Special Election was held with four candidates, with no candidate winning 50% plus 1 of the vote. Pursuant to the Election Code, 2 HCC §6.5 and 2 HCC §6.5d(1), a Runoff Election shall be held.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:
Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See Election Board Code Sec. 9 (b).

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:
Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Challenges must be received at the Election Office prior to 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 6, 2011. Such claims or challenges may be hand-delivered, faxed or mailed to

Ho-Chunk Nation Election
Board
206 South Roosevelt Road

P.O Box 756
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
FAX NUMBER(715)284-8600
E-MAIL:
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the eligible voters list immediately after the close of the challenge period. The Election Board decision shall be final.

ABSENTEE VOTING:
A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Friday, October 7, 2011 by 4:00 P.M. See Election Board Code, Page 13, sec. 11 a(1) Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number. Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Friday, October 14, 2011. Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:
The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within Twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court. See. HCN Constitution Article VIII, Election, Sec. 7, and Election Code Sec. 18 (a)

ELECTIONEERING:
There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling place.

SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION FRIDAY, October 14, 2011

**POST NOTICE OF
ELECTION**
Sunday, September 25, 2011

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS
LIST**
Monday, September 26, 2011

**CHALLENGES TO THE
ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
MUST BE RECEIVED
PRIOR TO 4:30 PM**
Thursday, October 6, 2011

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST
ABSENTEE BALLOTS**
Friday, October 7, 2011
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S2845 WHITEEAGLE ROAD
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715/299-6104

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CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM.
BLD.
916 CHAK-HAH-CHEE LANE
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Ho-Chunk, Inc. and HCI Distribution Host Tribal Tobacco Tax Seminar

Submitted by
Lisa Chen - Blue Earth
Marketing Public Relations
Coordinator

WINNEBAGO, NE -- Ho-Chunk, Inc. and HCI Distribution hosted a Tribal Tobacco Tax Seminar event in Winnebago, Nebraska in August. Representatives from 29 tribes across the country participated in the seminar. The 2-day event mainly focused on the importance for tribes to develop their own tribal tax system and to strengthen economic development on the reservation.

The goal of the seminar was to educate Indian Tribes and provide the necessary information and tools for the tribes to start creating their own Tribal tax system. The seminar also covered current issues surrounding tribal tobacco. Lance Morgan, CEO and President of Ho-Chunk, Inc. was the keynote speaker at the event. His presentation "A Tribal Tax System is Tribal Power", highlighted the importance of a Tribal tax system and tribal control. Morgan also presented the components of a Tribal tax program. Other speakers in the seminar were Joseph Messineo, attorney with Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP who presented information on the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) and attorney Leonard Violi who covered significant aspects of the PACT act.

Maunka Morgan, Senior account executive at HCI Distribution did a presentation on "Tribal Tobacco is Native Nation Building", emphasizing Tribal sovereignty, self development and the cultural significance for Tribes. Jan King, Director of Retail Operations and Marshall Bass for Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s convenience stores presented practices for Tribal tobacco retail, explaining methods to improve Tribal tobacco sales on the retail level.

Tribal economics have been evolving and now a tribal tax system is the key for an economic foundation. Tribal tax is one of the building blocks of opportunity that is effective in economic development on the reservations. The seminar also focused on Tribal tobacco sales and its importance in revenue generation. Tobacco sales of Tribal brands

and Tribal tobacco taxes collected on the reservation are a significant income opportunity for tribes around the country. The preservation of Tribal sovereignty is essential because tribes develop economic opportunity on their terms rather than the government's terms. Federal and State tobacco regulatory issues involving the MSA and PACT act are affecting Tribal tobacco sales on the reservations and this situation is extremely important to understand.

The MSA was drafted in 1998 by the 4 largest tobacco companies in the United States. The major tobacco companies agreed to pay the states an estimated \$206 billion dollars over a period of twenty-five years for recovered Medicaid health-care costs and funding for anti-smoking advocacy groups. In return, states were required to help "Big Tobacco" maintain their market share by forcing other smaller tobacco companies to make similar payments into an escrow fund. This tactic was included to eliminate the small tobacco companies' price advantage over "Big Tobacco".

Federal legislation was also passed in 2010 entitled "The Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act" (PACT act). The PACT act prohibits all tobacco products to be sold online or mail-order to consumers. Its intent supposedly is to stop minors from illegally purchasing tobacco products via internet or mail-order sales. The act ensures that Federal, State and Local taxes are to be collected from all tobacco products sold in retail tobacco stores. PACT act includes language that Tribal rights and sovereignty were to remain unchanged. However, the remaining provisions have the potential to significantly impact Tribal revenue generation.

Both the MSA and PACT act present challenges for tribes to sell and sustain a steady flow of revenue on tobacco products on the reservations. Tribes are prevailing and succeeding by utilizing their own tax system and altering the tobacco marketing strategy to target customers to buy on the reservations. During the seminar, a panel discussion on Tribal tobacco success stories was also featured. Tribal

leaders and representatives from Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska participated in the panel discussion. Each panelist described their Tribe's tobacco marketing and tax programs and the successful impact they have had.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. is the award-winning economic development corporation owned by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. The company is headquartered on the Winnebago reservation in northeast Nebraska. The Ho-Chunk, Inc. mission is to develop economic self-sufficiency and job opportunities for Tribal members. The company operates 26 subsidiaries and employs 1,400 employees with locations in the U.S. and in 4 foreign countries.

HCI Distribution is one of the largest Tribal tobacco distributors in the U.S. HCI Distribution is a subsidiary of Ho-Chunk, Inc. It is located on the Winnebago Reservation in Northeast Nebraska in a state-of-the-art 16,000 square foot facility. HCI Distribution is one of the fastest growing of the Ho-Chunk, Inc. companies. In 2003 the company was named the largest minority-owned business in Nebraska.



Joe Messineo, attorney with Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP presented information on the Master Settlement Agreement and PACT Act.



Lance Morgan, CEO and President of Ho-Chunk, Inc. was the keynote speaker at the Tax Seminar. His keynote presentation was "A Tribal Tax System is Tribal Power".



ATTENTION

ALL HO-CHUNK MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES:

THIS IS A REMINDER THAT PAYROLL AND PERCAP CHECKS CANNOT BE CASHED UNTIL 12:01 AM OF THE DATE WRITTEN ON THE CHECK. MINORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CASH CHECKS AT THE HO-CHUNK NATION GAMING FACILITIES AS THIS IS PART OF THE NATION'S COMPACT WITH THE STATE OF WISCONSIN AND PROHIBITED BY THE GAMING COMMISSION. PARENTS ARE ALSO NOT ALLOWED TO CASH THEIR CHILD'S CHECKS AT THE CAGES OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION'S GAMING FACILITIES AS THESE ARE CONSIDERED 2-PARTY CHECKS AND ARE PROHIBITED FROM BEING CASHED TO PROTECT NOT ONLY THE NATION BUT ALSO THE CHILD IN CASES WHERE SOMEONE MIGHT NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO CASH THAT CHILD'S CHECK AND OUR CASHIERS WOULD NOT HAVE THIS INFORMATION. WE ARE SORRY FOR THIS INCONVENIENCE BUT IT IS A SAFEGUARD AND ALSO TRIBAL LAW.

Monthly Board Meeting

For

**Ho-Chunk Housing and Community
Development Agency (HUD)**

Thursday, October, 20, 2011 • 6:00 PM

HHCA at Tomah, corner of Monowau Street &
Sime Avenue

Agenda items by noon, October, 12, 2011
Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222

HHCA (608) 374-1245 Ext. 222 Fax: (608) 374-1251

34th Annual Veterans Day Pow-wow

Volk Field - Camp Douglas, WI
Saturday Nov. 5, 2011

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Program Of Events:

11:00 AM Flag Raising
12:00 Noon Meal Provided
by D.O.R.A.
1:00 PM Pow-wow Grand Entry
5:00 PM Evening Meal Provided
by D.O.R.A.

Keynote Speaker: TBA

Alcohol or drug use is strictly prohibited. Organizers
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HO-CHUNK WAAZIIJA HACI LANGUAGE DIVISION NEWS GREAT NEWS

WE HAVE GREAT NEWS. WE RECEIVED A LANGUAGE GRANT FROM ANA (WHICH MEANS ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS). THE LANGUAGE DIVISION APPLIED LAST YEAR AFTER DOING A TRIBAL WIDE SURVEY. OF THE 1934 HO-CHUNK TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO COMPLETED THE SURVEY, 1779 (92%) BELIEVED THE HO-CHUNK LANGUAGE SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL. SO THE GOAL OF THE PROJECT IS TO INCREASE LANGUAGE USE AND FLUENCY IN OUR CHILDREN STARTING WITH KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE. WE WILL BE CREATING A LANGUAGE BASED CURRICULA THAT REVOLVES AROUND HO-CHUNK LIFE DURING THE FOUR SEASONS.

WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF LOSING OUR LANGUAGE. STUDIES OF NATIVE LANGUAGES SHOW EIGHT LEVELS OF LANGUAGE EXISTENCE. LEVEL EIGHT IS EXTINCTION MEANING THE LANGUAGE IS LOST. THE HO-CHUNK LANGUAGE IS AT LEVEL SEVEN. WE NEED ALL THE HELP OF ELDERS, SPEAKERS, NON-SPEAKERS WHO HAVE ALL KINDS OF SKILLS TO KEEP OUR LANGUAGE ALIVE. PLEASE CONTACT JOANN JONES, ANA Grants Coordinator, AT Joann.Jones@Ho-Chunk.com or 1-800-4Wąkšik FOR INFORMATION.



TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE
P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615 (715) 284-5877

T.E.R.O Trainings

TERO will be holding training classes in your area. These classes will emphasize skills you need or may want to touch up on to enhance and improve your employability. Classes are as follows:

BLACK RIVER FALLS—District 1 Community Center

OCTOBER 26, 9am-3pm Telephone Doctor

WIS. DELLS—H.O.W.

NOVEMBER 3, 1pm-2pm Job application process

NOVEMBER 9, 9am-11am Customer Service/Telephone Skills

1pm-2pm Creating a Resume

NOVEMBER 17, 1pm-2pm Interviewing for a Job

NOVEMBER 23, 11am-12pm Keeping your Job

1pm-3pm Customer Service/Telephone Skills

DECEMBER 14, 9am-3pm Telephone Doctor

Trainings will also be coming to Nekoosa and Wittenberg

Contact a TERO Case Manager for more information or to request training in your area. Call 715-284-5877 and ask for Sage Funmaker or Audrey Littlewolf, or email Sage.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com or Audrey.Littlewolf@ho-chunk.com



Friday October 21, 2011
7pm-9pm
 All money raised will go towards local Cancer Charities.
 Soups, Bread & Refreshments will be served after the walk..
 Reading the names of those we love fighting Cancer and those we have lost, will go on during the meal.

House of Wellness
 Fitness/Aquatic Center

October is Breast Cancer awareness Month.
 We are walking to fight for all Cancers.

HO-CHUNK NATION
 PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

Luminary Walk from HOW down Yellow Thunder Road and back to HOW.
 We Walk to honor survivors, in memory of those we have lost, raise awareness, and save lives!!!

NOTICE OF VACANCY

The Ho-Chunk Nation TERO Commission is seeking applicants to fill one (1) Vacancy.

Duties:

Carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, in accordance with the policy of Indian Preference in employment and in contracting, as established by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. The Commission shall be free from interference from any branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation government in carrying out their duties under this Ordinance.

Adopt, amend, or rescind rules and regulations and to develop and implement policies and guidelines necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

Adopt bylaws and internal rules to govern the activities and procedures of the Commission.

Serve in an advisory capacity to the TERO and meet the program staff for the purpose of securing information relative to its advisory duties.

Qualifications:

Enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation
 Knowledge and familiarity with the TERO Ordinance
 Knowledge and understanding of employment issues
 Business experience, Board experience and flexible scheduling are beneficial.

Application Deadline: Until Filled

Interested applicants may obtain a TERO Commissioner Application from the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor or on the TERO website: <http://www.ho-chunknation.com/?PageId=926>

Return the application along with your resume, a copy of your Tribal I.D. Valid Driver's License and Proof of Insurance to the Tero Department. The application may be dropped off in person or mailed to:

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor
 ATTN: TERO DIRECTOR PO BOX 667 Black River Falls, WI 54615

Who should register with TERO?

Members of Federally Recognized Tribes who are seeking employment opportunities.

- If you are unemployed, register with TERO and we will let potential employers know you are available.
- If you are under-employed, register with TERO and we will notify you of job opportunities in your field, as they become available.
- If you own all or part of a business that is at least 51% native owned, you should register your business with TERO. We will notify you of potential contract leads and let others know about your business.

Homebuyer Education



Have you ever thought about buying a home?

Does the idea of a mortgage scare you?

Date Saturday October 29, 2011
Time 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..
Location HCN Madison Branch Office
 1320 Mendota St. Madison, WI
Sponsors HHCA & NHS of Richland Co.

Join Us! Homebuyer Education can help reduce the stress with confusion of buying a home. It is a great place to start if you're considering buying a home & are not quite ready.
 Come & Learn about Down Payment assistance Programs.
 Snacks, Dinner will be provided!
 Hurry and call for a reservation!

Contact Name
 Winona Mann
 (608) 374-1245

NOTICE

Effective Friday, October 7, 2011, the Education Department has temporarily moved to the Veterans Affairs building located next to the Tribal Office Building (TOB) while the office is renovated to accommodate additional staff. We anticipate this process to be completed within four (4) weeks.

The telephone and facsimile numbers are still the same with direct extensions available as well. Our mailing address continues to be the same as well.

We ask for your patience and cooperation during this time while we continue to meet your educational needs.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STAFF

Quarterly Board Meeting S.A.F.E. * House Advisory Board

Saturday, October 15 • 10:00 AM

Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Building
 808 Red Iron Road
 Black River Falls, WI

Contact Jean-Ann Day to confirm attendance
Jean.Day@ho-chunk.com
 (715) 284-2644, ext. 5116, or (888) 343-8190

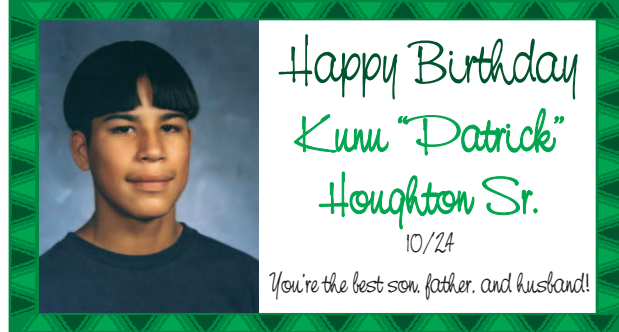
New Board Members are Welcome

Background checks are required

Bring a bag lunch or a potluck item to share

*Stop Abuse From Existing

A Project of the Ho-Chunk Nation's Domestic Violence Program



Congratulations

These young gentlemen of Snowdrift Mountain drum group have been asked to be one of the Host drums at the 2011 Hunting Moon Pow-wow. Snowdrift Mountain singers range in age of 4-15 years old and have started over a year ago. They continue to make progress and a name for themselves. (Albert King, Dayton Sanapaw, Leon Lusier Jr., Bryson Funmaker, CJ Lasley, Sedrick Hindsley, Lennox Lasley, Tayden Bear, Jovahn Lujan, KeeKee Day, Koonce Santos, Holden Greencrow, Skyler Clairmont, Eldon Hindsley, Floyd Silas, and Ambrose Day-Bedeau).

Thank you to Chuck Lasley for mentoring, singing, and practicing with the boys. All your efforts are noticed and appreciated. We wish Snowdrift Mountain all the best and encourage you to carry on with singing and supporting each other.

We're proud of you! From your Family, Friends, and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Check them out on Facebook.

Announcing NINTH ANNUAL WHITE EAGLE REUNION



The White Eagles (1905)

Standing: Winslow, George, Leo, Wilson. Seated: Sanborn, Archie, Mike, John

The descendants of the White Eagle brothers are hereby notified that the 9th Annual Reunion will be on Sunday, October 16, 2011, at the Sanford WhiteEagle VFW Post in Baraboo, WI, at 12:00 p.m. We will be having devotions.

Please contact Yvonne (608/356-7335) or Yvette (608/963-3240) regarding food, directions and any other details that you may need.

District 1 Community Center

Thursday October 13th

Elder Social Bingo/Meal 10:00 a.m.

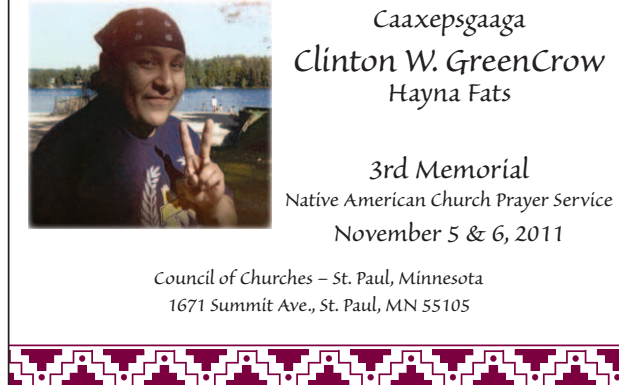
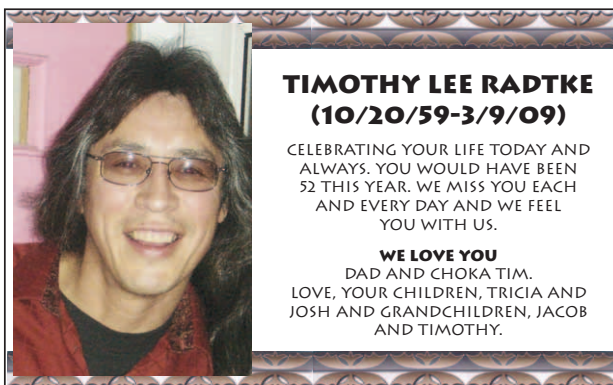
Tuesday October 18th

1st Annual Amazing Ho-Chunk Race 5:00 p.m.

Saturday October 29th

Archery Tournament 10:00 a.m.

Note: Stop by the Community Center to sign up for the 2011 Indoor Volleyball League starting on November 14th, Team deadlines are Thursday, November 10th. If you do not have a team to sign up with we will get you on one, for more details call (715) 284-0905



Last Standing Woman:

Several Ho-Chunk join the cast

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

Last Standing Woman, a novel written by Winona La Duke (an Anishinaabe writer, activist, environmentalist, economist, and former Vice Presidential candidate) is being adapted for the big screen by Michael O'Rourke, Executive Producer of Shadow FX Films. The novel is "based on a tragic history and presenting a hopeful vision of the future" by "tracing the lives of seven generations of Anishinaabe." O'Rourke held auditions to cast native and non-native actors on September 27-29 at the Mercury Player's Theatre in Madison, WI. Several Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members were cast for roles: Alena Cornelius as young *Charlotte Oshkinnah*, Forrest Funmaker as *Tribal Chairman Lance Wagosh* and *Selam Big Bear*, Sherman Funmaker as *Mesabe* and *Willie Schneider*,

Minnie Lonetree as a narrator, Marlon WhiteEagle as *Moose Hanford* and *Tribal Attorney*, and Lois WhiteEagle as *Margaret Oshkinnah*.

The actors had a short and rigorous week of rehearsal. Working with O'Rourke gave the actors a chance to work with an experienced director who has worked seven years at the Oregon Shakespear Festival and co-founded the Actor's Theatre in Ashland, Oregon. The rehearsals were held at First United Methodist Church, in Madison, WI. On Friday, October 7, a dress rehearsal was held and one last rehearsal the afternoon before the performance with each rehearsal lasting approximately four hours long.

On October 8, after long hours of hard work, the premiere performance began at 7:30 pm sharp at the Mercury Player's Theatre. Excitedly, tickets for the



Front (L-R): Tony (Winona's Assistant), Michael O'Rourke. Second Row (L-R): Danielle Gibson, Diana Peterson, Winona La Duke, Lois WhiteEagle, Minnie Lonetree, Alena Cornelius. Third Row (L-R): Julie Jarvis, Camille Bernier, Martha Stahl, Sherman Funmaker. Back Row (L-R): Lea Zeise, Marlon WhiteEagle, Forrest Funmaker, Tommy Lee, Matt Korda.



Front (L-R): Alena Cornelius, Lois WhiteEagle, Minnie Lonetree. Back (L-R): Forrest Funmaker, Winona La Duke, Sherman Funmaker, Marlon WhiteEagle

performance were SOLD OUT. Winona La Duke was in attendance, as she also spoke at the Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice Conference being held at UW-Madison. La Duke did stop by the green room before the opening and at intermission to express her excitement and to give accolades.

With two acts, and an intermission, the performance was about an hour and a half in duration. The first act included a Prologue and seven scenes. The second act included six scenes and the last scene, *Nimiidiwin* or *Powwow*, included singing and dancing. The cast would exit the stage as they dance during an honoring at a

powwow on the White Earth Reservation.

After the play, the cast, director, and Winona took the stage to take part in a Q&A session. O'Rourke began by explaining why he chose to tackle *Last Standing Woman* to adapt into a screenplay. He said he saw the book on La Duke's *Native Harvest* website, read it, and thought it should be made into a movie. He also grew up in Ashland, Oregon, where La Duke was raised. O'Rourke said, after reading it (*Last Standing Woman*), "I thought it was over my head." He continued, "But two chapters, the *Prologue* and *Wiindigoo*, were right on." O'Rourke believes there could be 3 separate movies produced from the book.

La Duke spoke about an occupation that occurred in 1902 at Round Lake, Minnesota, which inspired the events in *Last Standing Woman*. This occupation was in protest of trees being cut down around the lake, leading

to the blockade of the lake. She said at the time, "local farmers were in support of the natives" who occupied the lake. La Duke also said the book had "a lot of truth in it." For example, a scene that included a (police) trailer being pushed over by a truck with a snow plow is an account of one of her cousin's stories. She also shared that many community members who she based characters on, knew that they were the inspiration for the characters in the book.

Last Standing Woman was La Duke's first novel. She wrote it while she was pregnant with her son, and credits her son as the inspiration for writing the book. It's been nearly 15 years since the novel was published. La Duke has been working on material for a second novel but when asked about future subject matter or topics, she said, "It'll be about inter-generational drama, trauma, and humor."

Decorah earns scholarship at UW-Milwaukee

Submitted by Tim Decorah
Ho-Chunk Nation member Emily Decorah has earned a scholarship with the UW-Milwaukee Panther Women's Basketball Team for the upcoming year.

After a successful first year at Edgewood College (Madison, WI) where she was chosen First Team All Northern Athletics Conference, Emily chose to pursue her dream of playing Division I basketball by walking on with the Panthers last year. Due to NCAA transfer rules, she could practice with the team but

could not play.

After a summer of team work-outs, Emily was awarded a scholarship on Wednesday, September 14 for the upcoming season. She will have three years of eligibility remaining and hopes to be a consistent contributor for the Panthers this season.

UW-Milwaukee is apart of the Horizon League which includes UW-Green Bay, Butler and other teams from the Midwest. The Panthers will have stiff competition to start out the season as they play host to the Wisconsin Badgers (Nov. 11) and Michigan State (Nov. 22) and travel to perennial top 10 teams Baylor (Dec. 8) and Oklahoma (Dec. 11).

Emily is a 2009 graduate of Waunakee High School (WI) and is believed to be the first girl in school history to be awarded a scholarship at a Division I school. She is the daughter of Tim and Sarah Decorah, Waunakee.

Below is her bio from the team website - (<http://uwpanthers.csvt.com/sports/w-baskbl/wiml-w-baskbl-body.html>)

UW-Milwaukee Women's

Coach Sandy Botham on Emily Decorah: "Emily will surprise a lot of teams this year. She worked very hard on her game in practice this past year after sitting out last season due to transfer rules. She was named newcomer of the year in the NIAC during the 2009-10 season for a reason - very talented. A versatile player who can play inside or outside. Her length will cause havoc on the defensive end."

2010-11: Sat out the 2010-11 season due to NCAA Transfer Rules.

Edgewood College: Played her freshman season at Edgewood in Madison ... named to the All-NAC freshman team ... appeared in all 26 games, starting the final 17 ... led the team with 10.8 points per game.

Waunakee High School: Played on back-to-back conference championship teams at Waunakee High School ... also won regional championships those years ... was twice named all-conference.

Personal: Full name is Emily Sue Decorah ... born April 29, 1991 ... daughter of Tim and Sarah Decorah.



Emily Decorah

Health & Safety Fair

Majestic Pines Casino

Bingo hall

October 19th 2011

8:30-2:30

- Black River Memorial Hospital**
- Western Dairyland Health Center**
- Commercial Tobacco Education**
- Exercise**
- Drunk and Distracted Driving**
- Wisconsin Well Women's Program**
- Snacks**
- And much more**

Everyone's Welcome

Sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department
and Majestic Pines Casino & Bingo